



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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4th December 2020

Meet the Oakwood Team

Our Premises Team

The Premises Team have a really important role in keeping all the children and adults healthy and safe in school. Obviously, this year has been a very different kind of year for the team due to Covid, however they have adapted the way they work around the school so that they can continue to make their vital contribution to the smooth running of our school.

Mr Day is our Premises Manager and he splits his time between Oakwood and Beechwood. He is supported by a dedicated team of cleaners, many of whom have another role within the school also.



We would like to say a big **thank you** to the team for the amazing way they have carried out their role during these strange times.



Mrs Bright



Mrs Holt



Mrs Olver



Mrs Small

Social Distancing and Parking Reminders

Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.

Please don't forget to wear your face covering when on the school site and also to adhere to social-distancing guidelines.

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping and collecting children. The Lockdown pub car park is NOT available for school parking.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



NSPCC Together for Childhood

Throughout December there will be a PANTS advent countdown happening on the [Together for Childhood Facebook page](#). This website is aimed at helping parents to [Talk PANTS](#) with their children, the advent will share lots of PANTS information, activities and a prize giveaway every week. At the end of the month, anyone who has liked and shared the advent posts will be put in to a draw to win a bumper batch of Pantosaurus goodies on Christmas Eve!

If you are interested in finding out more please head over to the [Together for Childhood- Plymouth Facebook page](#) from 1 December to get involved.

<https://www.facebook.com/TogetherForChildhoodPlymouth/>



Newsletter Ideas

If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Attendance For Week Ending 27th November 2020

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to
Puffin KS1 and Peregrine
KS2
for the highest
attendance!**



Robin	##%
Owl	##%
Wren	94.1%
Dove	96.8%
Puffin	98.6%
Jay	93.1%
Starling	96.3%
Skylark	94.0%
Goldcrest	93.6%
Osprey	95.5%
Kestrel	89.9%
Peregrine	97.4%

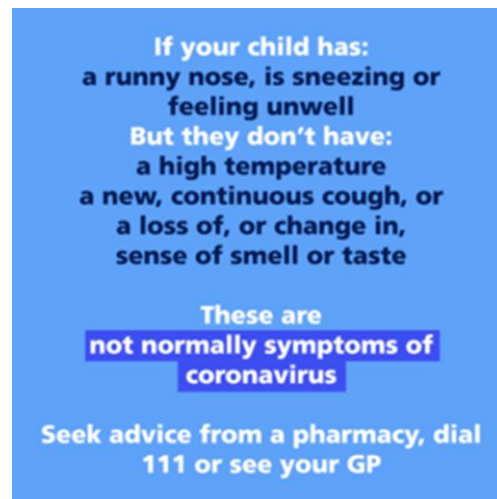
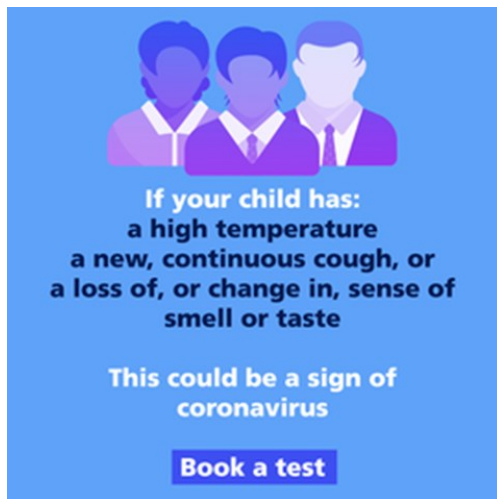
Important Reminders

Covid Symptoms

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ring the school office to inform the school of any absence related to Covid and outcomes of tests promptly. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



The following information is from the NSPCC — Metaphors

Using these metaphors can boost our understanding of child development and increase support for ensuring children and young people have healthy development and grow up in supportive and loving families and communities.

This week:

Air Traffic Control - Children's ability to remember, focus and pay attention – is like the air traffic control system at a busy airport. Children need to develop their brain's air traffic control system to manage their mental airspace to complete tasks, maintain relationships, etc – with the support of caring and sensitive adults. Here's a video to illustrate the metaphor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1NXKZAadPc&list=PLqA6QvvA4sNtS7AOONhiXoNsHIAhTBJG&index=5&t=0s>



ChatHealth

NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back

 0-5 years Parents Service 07480 635188	 5-19 years Parents Service 07480 635189	 11-19 years Young People's Service 07480 635198
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Livewell

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



Please note the non-pupil days for this year

2020/2021 TERM DATES

Wed 16th Dec
Thu 17th Dec
Fri 18th Dec
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021
Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb
Thu 1st Apr
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

Christmas Lunch - Rec/KS1
Christmas Lunch - KS2
School finishes 3:15pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School opens 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep
Mon 25th-29th Oct
Fri 26th Nov
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 3rd Jan
Mon 21st Feb-Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Monday 30th May-Fri 3rd Jun
Wed 27th Jul
Wed 27th July-Wed 31st Aug

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HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School Finishes
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
HALF TERM
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class and we will get back to you. Thank you



Be safe and have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School